



Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board
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Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter is written in response to your May 21, 2013, request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) received by the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board (Board) on May 28, 2013, to which the Board assigned Request Identification Number (RIN) RATB-RIN-0008-13. In that request you seek:

A copy of any sequestration-related planning documents; internal and external memos, including staff & departmental memos; planning meeting notes; and other written and electronic documentation and presentations regarding the budget sequestration.

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information regarding the effect of sequestration on the Board's fiscal year 2013 appropriations and operations. In the event this letter does not meet your needs, we request that you advise us of the same and that you provide the additional information as discussed below. *See* 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(6)(A)(ii)(I).

FOIA requests may be used to request existing documents in the possession of this agency. The FOIA does not require agencies to answer specific questions or create documents. Nonetheless, the Board is providing you with the following summary of the effect of sequestration on the Board's fiscal year 2013 operations. Specifically, the Board has accommodated the sequestration reductions by engaging in prudent contract oversight and through staff attrition. As a result, the Board has been able to maintain operational capability without degradation of service. With regard to effect of sequestration on the Board's fiscal year 2013 appropriations, please see the OMB Report to the Congress on the Joint Committee Sequestration for Fiscal Year 2013, which can be found here: http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/assets/legislative_reports/fy13ombjcsequestrationreport.pdf. For your convenience, I am also attaching a copy of the page from the report which reflects the sequestrable amount, sequester percentage, and sequester amount applicable to the Board.

If we do not hear from you within 14 days of the date of this letter, we will assume that this information satisfies your concerns and you are no longer interested in pursuing this matter. The matter will be administratively closed.

If you do wish to continue this matter, within 14 days of the date of this letter, please advise us of the same and provide us with the date marking the beginning of the time period for which you are seeking responsive documents.

If you construe this to be a denial of your request, under the Board's FOIA regulations (4 C.F.R. § 201.14(a)(1)), you may appeal to the Board's Executive Director:

By Mail to:
Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board
1717 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20006

By Email to:
FOIA@ratb.gov

By Fax to:
(202) 254-7970

Your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 30 days of the date of the Board's response. The appeal letter, email or fax may include as much or as little related information as you wish, as long as it clearly identifies the Board's determination that you are appealing, including the assigned request number. For prompt handling, please mark your appeal "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions concerning this matter, or would like to discuss the response, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Board's FOIA Public Liaison at (202) 254-7900 or by mail at the Board's address reflected above. The Board's FOIA Office can also be contacted at foia@ratb.gov.

Sincerely,



Atticus Reaser
Chief FOIA Officer/General Counsel

Attachment: As stated.

Sequestrable Budgetary Resources and Reductions in Sequestrable Resources by OMB Account -- FY 2013

(Amounts in millions)

Agency / Bureau / Account / Function / BEA Category / Budgetary Resource	Sequestrable BA Amount	Sequester Percentage	Sequester Amount
436-00-0100 Salaries and Expenses			
Nondefense Discretionary Appropriation	19	5.0	1
Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects			
534-00-2850 Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation			
Nondefense Discretionary Appropriation	1	5.0	*
Nondefense Mandatory Administrative expenses in otherwise exempt resources	2	5.1	*
<i>Account Total</i>	3		*
Other Commissions and Boards			
505-00-9911 Other Commissions and Boards			
Nondefense Discretionary Appropriation	1	5.0	*
Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund			
579-00-8299 Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Trust Fund			
Nondefense Mandatory Appropriation	390	5.1	20
Postal Service			
440-00-1001 Payment to Postal Service Fund			
Nondefense Discretionary Advance appropriation	78	5.0	4
Presidio Trust			
512-00-4331 Presidio Trust			
Nondefense Discretionary Appropriation	12	5.0	1
Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board			
535-00-2724 Salaries and Expenses			
Defense Discretionary Appropriation	1	7.8	*
Railroad Retirement Board			
446-00-8010 Railroad Social Security Equivalent Benefit Account			
Nondefense Discretionary Appropriation	34	5.0	2
446-00-8051 Railroad Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund			
Nondefense Discretionary Appropriation	15	5.0	1
Nondefense Mandatory Appropriation	99	5.1	5
Nondefense Mandatory Spending authority	20	5.1	1
<i>Account Total</i>	134		7
Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board			
Recovery Act Accountability and Transparency Board			
539-00-3725 Recovery Act Accountability and Transparency Board, Recovery Act			
Nondefense Discretionary Appropriation	28	5.0	1
Securities and Exchange Commission			
449-00-0100 Salaries and Expenses			
Nondefense Discretionary Spending authority	1,321	5.0	66
449-00-5566 Securities and Exchange Commission Reserve Fund			
Nondefense Mandatory Appropriation	50	5.1	3
449-00-5567 Investor Protection Fund			
Nondefense Mandatory Appropriation	90	5.1	5
Public Company Accounting Oversight Board			

* denotes \$500,000 or less.